

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the subject PCT National Phase application be preliminarily amended as provided in the foregoing amendment.

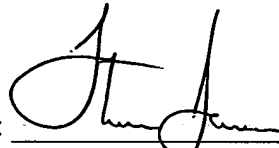
Claims 1-6 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to replace "alternate processing" with "distributed processing". The amendment is fully supported by the application as originally filed.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is requested.

Applicants believe that additional fees are not required for consideration of the within Preliminary Amendment. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge Deposit Account No. **04-1105**.

Respectfully submitted,

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